

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 8, 11-12, and 14-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 7, 9-10, and 13 were canceled; claims 2-4, 11-12, and 14 were amended; and claims 16-20 were added. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 5, 6, 8, and 15. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of extending to Applicants an interview on May 8, 2003.

I. Drawing Objection

The Examiner has objected to the informal proposed Figure 1 submitted for examination purposes, as Figure 1 shows hand-drawn corrections in red ink. As the Examiner now requires Applicants to submit a formal version of the modified Figure 1, Applicants understand the Examiner to have approved Applicants' proposed drawing change as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). Applicants thus submit a formalized Figure 1 herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 and respectfully request that the objection to Figure 1 be withdrawn.

II. Amendments to Claims

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 7, 9-10, and 13 and have amended dependent claims 2-4, 11-12, and 14 to depend from claims 5, 8, and 15, which the Examiner has indicated are allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-6, 8, 11-12, and 14-15 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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In addition, Applicants have added an additional independent claim 16. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 is a linking claim that recites means for executing the claim elements of the method recited in claim 15, as can be seen below:

Claim 15 (previously amended): A method for accessing a plurality of data processing systems using a wireless input device, the method comprising:

- receiving a selection of a particular data processing system of the plurality of data processing systems;
- transmitting a signal from the wireless input device to only activate the particular data processing system within the plurality of data processing systems; and
- sending data from the wireless input device to the particular data processing system after transmitting the signal to the particular data processing system,

wherein the signal is a frequency recognized by the particular data processing system.

Claim 16 (new): A wireless input device for use with a data processing system, the input device comprising:

- means for receiving a selection of a particular data processing system of the plurality of data processing systems;
- means for transmitting a signal from the wireless input device to only activate the particular data processing system within the plurality of data processing systems; and
- means for sending data from the wireless input device to the particular data processing system after transmitting the signal to the particular data processing system,

wherein the signal is a frequency recognized by the particular data processing system.

As the method recited in claim 15 was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that the apparatus recited in claim 16, which comprises means for performing each of the elements of claim 15, is also allowable over the prior art of record. Since newly-added dependent claims 17-20 depend from claim 16 and, like claim 16, merely recite features derived from existing claims, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 17-20 are also patentable over the prior art of record.

Thus, Applicants now understand all pending claims to be in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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